

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the amendments to the Specification reflected above and Sequence Listing provided herewith is respectfully requested.

No claims having been canceled or added, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, 17-21 and 24-30 remain properly under consideration in this application.

The Applicants further note that no errors were detected during verification of the computer readable format file from the enclosed CD using Checker 4.4.0.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application in condition for examination and allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

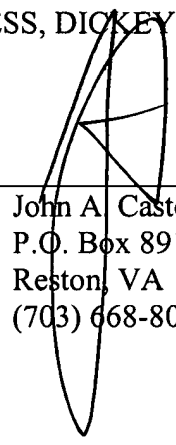
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any underpayment or non-payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750, including, in particular, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Copy of Sequence Listing
Computer Readable Format (CRF) Sequence Listing (CD)
Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)